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DOWN TO 9 BELOW AGAIN THIS MORNING

Fires and Broken Plumbing
Fixtures Follow the
Cold Spell.

MANY LATE TRAINS

Still a Supply of Coal, But
Future Shipments Are
Indefinite.

Nine degrees below zero!
Not satisfied with the record of 8 degrees below zero of Saturday morning, the weather beat that mark by one degree at 8 o'clock this morning. The prospects are, according to the United States Weather Bureau, that there will be no marked rise in temperature for several days, but it will moderate slowly. The cold wave spreads all over the country.

Snow has fallen generally over the state and has kept the wheat from being damaged by the low temperature. Reports to the Weather Bureau show that the average fall of snow in the northern part of the state was three inches and in the Ozarks it reached a foot.

Between the crests of the cold wave from Saturday morning to this morning, the temperature ranged from a few degrees below to 7 degrees above yesterday afternoon. Train schedules, water pipes and the fuel supply suffered to great extent. In addition, the fire department was kept busy putting out fires where residents were overworking their heating plants.

Five Fire Alarms Yesterday.

The fire department answered five alarms yesterday. Each blaze was put out with chemicals.

The first alarm was at 8:30 o'clock. The apartment house at 717 Missouri belonging to W. H. Parker caught fire from an overheated furnace. The damage was slight. At 12:30 o'clock the department was called to 713 Lyons street. The house is occupied by Edward Austin. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The damage was small. At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Barkwell feed store on North Eighth street caught fire from an overheated stove. Little damage was done. The house at 1410 Richardson, occupied by H. D. Blackthorn, caught fire at 8:30 o'clock last night. W. C. Belcher, owner, was thawing out water pipes and the flooring caught fire. The fire was put out without causing damage to any extent.

Last night at 10:45 o'clock, the most serious fire of the day occurred at the home of Prof. H. L. Kempster, 1408 Rosemary lane. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The damage was estimated between \$50 and \$75.

This afternoon a fire on the roof of Prof. C. H. Eckles' home caused a \$35 loss.

Enough Coal on Hand.

"So far as we know, the local dealers have enough coal on hand and on the way to supply the immediate demand," said H. A. Collier, fuel administrator for Boone County, today. "but if this cold weather should last thirty days, the fuel situation would be bad. People should be saving with their coal. About three-fourths of the dealers have a small amount on hand, from 25 to 100 tons a dealer. Many dealers have cars ordered, some having been on the way from ten to twenty days. Friday we took the matter up with the Wabash and were assured that some of the cars would be here today. One car came Friday and two are expected today. If coal continues to come in this way the demand can be filled, but we have no assurance that it will continue to do so.

"It is certain that both Boone County and Illinois coal will rise in price, about a cent a bushel, within the next week or ten days. Kansas City is now allowing \$2.10 a ton profit; Ray and Carroll counties, \$2.04, and Columbia, \$1.30."

Train Schedules Upset.

The cold spell has tied up railroad freight and delayed trains all over the country. Only one car of freight, containing fresh meat, has arrived over the Wabash in the last two days. Yesterday and today the trains have been from thirty minutes to three hours late. The 10 o'clock Sunday night Wabash did not arrive until 5 o'clock this morning, and the 7 o'clock morning train did not arrive until 9:40 o'clock. The delay is due to poor connection with the main lines. Cold causes various kinds of engine failures and necessitates more engines to handle the passenger traffic.

Plumbing Fixtures Damaged.
Three plumbers reported 64, 60 and 50 calls, respectively, up to 10 o'clock this morning. The average loss, due to broken pipes and broken water meters in the ground, was from \$2 to \$5. The greatest loss was caused by damage done to nickel-plated fixtures, which are very expensive now. At Prof. Walter Miller's home, 1515 Keiser avenue, \$80 worth of repair work must be done; an instantaneous water heater and other bathroom arrangements were broken.

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 10.—Twelve more shopping days before Christmas.
Dec. 11.—First elimination tryouts for varsity debating teams University Auditorium at 8 o'clock and Y. M. C. Auditorium at 7 o'clock.
Dec. 12.—College Women's Mass Meeting at 4 o'clock in the University Auditorium. Speakers: Mrs. B. P. Busch, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Missouri Council of Defense, and Mrs. Edmund Brown of the St. Louis Red Cross.
Dec. 21.—Friday, 4 p. m.—Christmas holidays begin.
Jan. 3.—Thursday, 8 a. m.—Christmas holidays end.
Jan. 14-18.—Farmer's Week.

ITS LARGEST ARMY

Germans Are Said to Be
Massing Greatest Unit of
War on West Front.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Germany has massed on the western front her greatest army of the war, Secretary Baker declared today in his weekly war review. To meet this menace the United States must speed up its military preparations, the Secretary said. In order to meet the enemy and oppose his operations in France.

The peace negotiations with Russia have permitted the massing of men on the western front for the purpose of carrying out great attacks in that area, according to the review.

"A united nation must stand squarely behind our soldiers," the Secretary said. "It is not sufficient to prepare to fight; we must prepare to win the war completely."

The review asserted that the German counter attacks on the Cambrai front had been successful in winning back less than one-third of the territory captured by General Byng.

MISS ANNA LOWRY DIES

Young Woman Succumbs to Paralysis After a Week's Illness.

Miss Anna Lowry died of paralysis at the Parker Memorial Hospital Sunday morning after a week's illness. Miss Lowry was about 30 years old and had no relatives here. She lived with Judge J. S. Bedford here until he moved to Mississippi. Miss Lowry is survived by her father living in Oklahoma, and four brothers living farther west. They were not here for the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of A. J. Estes, 411 Christian college avenue, at 2 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. M. A. Hart. Burial was in the Bonne Femme cemetery on the Ashland Gravel road.

SECOND SHIP IS SAVED

British Munitions Vessel in
Halifax Harbor Ablaze—
Germans Arrested.

By Associated Press

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—The deck cargo of the British steamer Picton, laden with munitions, caught fire last night and only the quick work of the Halifax company of rifemen prevented another big explosion in the harbor.

The men boarded the ship, threw the burning cargo overboard and checked the flames before they could spread to the holds.

By Associated Press

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—Wholesale arrest of German residents of Halifax was begun by the police today. This action was taken under instructions by the military authorities who refused to disclose where they had obtained evidence associating the Germans with the explosion.

PLANS FOR BOND SALE

County War Savings Committee Meets in Commercial Club Rooms.

Members of the executive committee of the Boone County War Savings Certificate Organization met this afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms to lay plans for conducting the sales campaign. Arrangements were made for supplying all banks in the county with stamps through the Columbia post-office.

"The banks are supporting the movement vigorously," said J. P. McBaine, chairman of the committee, "and we are confident of a large sale of the stamps throughout Boone County."

A special committee to work in each of the ninety-eight school districts of the county will be appointed in a few days. It is felt that the sale of stamps should be large among the school children and efforts will be made to give every pupil in the county an opportunity to purchase at least one of the certificates.

Motor Car his Christmas Gift.

A telegram announcing a 6-cylinder motor car as a Christmas present has caused T. E. Forster, an end on the freshman football squad, to ask for early leave of absence from the University for vacation, that he may go to his home at Enid, Oklahoma. Forster will drive the machine back to school if the roads permit.

ANTI-VICE CRUSADE URGED BY CITIZENS

Resolution Adopted by Sixty
Who Meet at Broadway
Methodist Church.

SPEECH BY MAYOR

Executive and Marshal De-
fend Administration—Stu-
dents Get Evidence.

Mayor James E. Boggs and City Marshal John L. Whitesides, at a meeting of sixty citizens in the basement of the Broadway Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, defended the city administration and its efforts to clean out vice in Columbia. The meeting closed with the adoption of the resolution stating that those present were in favor of the vice clean-up and would co-operate in every possible way with the seven young men who had obtained evidence against certain places of vice.

The meeting was the outgrowth of a meeting a week ago, when seven University students told how they had tried to get the police to put an end to certain vice conditions which were against the law, how the efforts of the police proved fruitless and how they finally obtained evidence and filed information with the prosecuting attorney. The mayor and the chief of police were not present at this meeting.

Student States Case.

S. P. Dalton, one of the students who obtained the evidence, made a recapitulation of the case, stating that the mayor and other city officials did not seem enthusiastic over the campaign. He was interrupted by Mayor Boggs several times, who questioned him regarding the things that the city had helped him do.

Mr. Dalton said that he had laid the facts before the mayor and that the mayor had told him that this was not enough and that he would have to provide evidence that a jury would accept. He said that it had been easy enough for him to get the evidence, even though the police could find nothing damaging.

Mr. Boggs declared that no one in Columbia wanted to see vice conditions removed as much as he. He said that he was and always had been willing to co-operate with the young men. He told how the young men came to him with their story and said that he told them he would send the police with them whenever they thought they had sufficient evidence. He recounted how he had personally gone out with the young men last spring to stop vice in the negro district and how prosecutions had followed.

At the end of his talk he was quizzed by Dr. Woodson Moss, who wanted to know if it was necessary for the young men of the University to go as far as they did to procure the evidence when the police could have obtained the same evidence. He admitted that the place in question had not been raided by the police within a year.

Plea for Clean Columbia.

Doctor Moss told of conditions in Columbia as he had known them for the last forty years. He said that the young manhood of the state came to Columbia and that the city should be made clean. He declared that the police might be doing as many citizens wanted them to, but that there were many here who wanted such places of vice raided oftener than once a year.

J. B. Coleman, a negro, then said that the negroes of the town were against vice and wanted conditions in their district improved.

City Marshal Whitesides had little to say except that he had gone to the place in question and that he had never found enough evidence for prosecution. He stated that he worked in the daytime, but that the night policemen had instructions from him to clean up any such conditions. He concluded by saying: "From now on I will co-operate in every way with the efforts to clean out vice in Columbia."

Dr. J. B. Cole, one of the leaders in the movement, asked that the resolution which had been passed at the meeting be circulated among the merchants of the town for signatures. This action was declared inadvisable by W. M. Dinwiddie, prosecuting attorney, George Starrett, city attorney, and E. C. Anderson, who declared that signing the resolution would disqualify from jury service.

Debating Schedules to Be Posted.

Schedules showing the time and place for those trying out in the preliminary debates tomorrow will be posted on the bulletin boards in the east end of Academic Hall. The afternoon speeches will begin at 3 o'clock and be held in the University Auditorium and Law Building.

Centralia Man Sues For Divorce.

Eugene Tucker of Centralia filed a petition for a divorce from Lottie Tucker this morning in Circuit Court. Tucker works on the railroad section. His wife left him and went to Chicago while he was away at work, he alleges.

NOTED ROAD BUILDER IN CITY LAST NIGHT

President of National High-
ways Association Stops
Here on Way East.

A RECORD MOTORIST

Zero Weather No Terror to
Charles Henry Davis—
From Massachusetts.

Before Columbia was awake this morning a big, 7-passenger car left a Broadway garage and started at a rapid clip over the snow covered route of the Old Trails Road toward St. Louis. For the man at the wheel zero weather has no terrors when it comes to motoring. The driver and owner of the car was Charles Henry Davis of Cambridge, Mass., "father," and still president of the National Highways Association, perhaps this country's most enthusiastic motorist.

Mr. Davis came to Columbia late yesterday afternoon from Kansas City. On October 25 he left his home in Cambridge for a combined pleasure and business trip to the Pacific coast. After spending a few days in California, he left Los Angeles just one month later, November 25, reaching Columbia at 5:30 o'clock yesterday. When his car stopped in the garage his speedometer showed that he had covered just 7,304 miles between Cambridge, Los Angeles and here. But that is no trip at all for Mr. Davis. It is only a little jaunt. Since he first began using motor cars he has driven a machine, himself, more than 450,000 miles, not including the number of miles he has ridden when his chauffeur was driving. Much of this driving was done in uncomfortable weather, much more uncomfortable, he says, than the cold, blustery, snowy kind experienced in this vicinity since Friday.

Didn't Stop Engine for 37 Hours.

Last summer, after a good roads meeting in Chicago, Mr. Davis drove from Toledo, O., to his home in Cambridge without stopping his engine, or without stopping his car, except to get gasoline and a bite to eat. The distance was 937 miles and it took him 37 hours. Mr. Davis drove the machine 22 of the first 24 hours. Then he slipped into the back seat and took a nap for two hours while his chauffeur drove. After that nap he took the wheel again and drove 13 hours until he reached his home. He was up, ready for work the next morning, but other members of his party took a day off. Mr. Davis is no speeder, he says, but when he starts for a place he "likes to get there," and he wants to do the driving himself. He has worn out his ninth motor car and is about to buy his tenth. He has used only one make.

Gave Up Engineering Profession.

Mr. Davis is an engineer, but when he became interested in motors, and then naturally in good roads, he gave up his offices to organize the National Highways Association. He devotes practically all of his time to the good roads movement without compensation. His association stands for the construction of national highways by the Government, and right now Mr. Davis says that such roads are a military necessity. He points to the breaking down of railway traffic as a good proof. He is against the method of piece-meal construction, by which one can travel for some distance over a good road and then in the next state find himself in mudholes. The present plan of federal and state aid is not supported heartily by the association for the reason that the members believe that before the money gets to the road there is too big a waste in expenditures. Too many persons get their hands on it, he says.

On every trip Mr. Davis makes, whether for business or pleasure, he arranges to have maps and literature at various points and these are distributed by him in every town he enters. Most of this material has been written by Mr. Davis. The maps made by him show an extensive system of proposed national highways in every state in the Union. Some day the association believes that it will bring enough pressure on the Government to build them.

Has Unique Home.

"There are 2 million miles of roads in the United States and only 200,000 miles of them are passable," says Mr. Davis. "That explains why I am in the United States and only 200,000 miles of them are passable." Mr. Davis is 52 years old. While he lives most of the time in Cambridge and in Washington he has a home in South Yarmouth, Mass., that is unique. It was made of three old fashioned houses and a barn. It is called "the house of the seven chimneys." His office is in a building once used for a boat house. He is a graduate of Columbia University and was one of ten honor men, leading his class of fifty members in scholarship.

With Mr. Davis were C. B. Kimball, two mechanics and a chauffeur, the latter having nothing to do while the car is running, at least. Mr. Kimball is keeping a record of all stops of

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair continued tonight, Tuesday increasing cloudiness and slowly moderating. Lowest temperature to night zero or lower. For Missouri: Fair and continued cold tonight. Tuesday increasing cloudiness; slightly warmer west portions. Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature tonight will be zero or lower in all directions.

Weather Conditions.
Snow covers Kansas and Missouri to the depth of several inches, the water equivalent being about half an inch. Something more than the northern half of the United States is covered with snow. The cold wave has the whole country in its grip, freezing conditions extending well into Florida. San Diego, Cal. is the only station reporting temperature above 50. Another storm is passing down the St. Lawrence, attended by high winds, heavy snows, and bitter cold. In Columbia cold weather will continue for the next several days, with but slight tendency to moderate.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 7 and the lowest last night was 9; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 66 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 41 and the lowest 20 precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 7:38 a. m. Sun sets, 4:47 p. m. Moon rises 3:31 a. m.

more than ten minutes. Outside of the larger cities there have been very few such stops, he says.

PLAN FOR RED CROSS

Local Committees Announced Today by Dean Isidor Loeb, Chairman.

Dean Isidor Loeb, county manager for the American Red Cross campaign in Boone County, has announced the following campaign committee: I. A. Barth, S. F. Conley, L. M. Defoe, A. W. Taylor, Lee Walker and Harry S. Jacks.

Mr. Defoe, treasurer for the Boone County Red Cross society, will act as treasurer for this campaign and will assist Dean Loeb in organizing the University students. Mr. Taylor will act as chairman of the church committee, which will ask each church in Boone County to hold a Red Cross meeting next Sunday. Lee Walker is chairman of the speakers' committee whose duty it is to obtain speakers for all public gatherings. The matter of obtaining automobiles for trips to the country will be in the hands of Mr. Barth and Mr. Conley, who will also conduct a campaign among merchants and business men of the town. H. S. Jacks will have charge of the publicity for the campaign.

"The American Red Cross is making the Christmas drive to obtain 15,000,000 members," said Dean Loeb today. "Boone County's share is 6,000 members and the committee hopes to exceed this number."

"The Red Cross is the great civilian army which provides comfort for our soldiers and sailors, first aid and hospitals for the wounded and relief for dependent families of those who have gone to the front. Woodrow Wilson is president of the Red Cross and he expects every citizen to enroll as a member of the organization."

The campaign will begin Monday, December 17, and will close Monday, December 24. Next Sunday has been designated as Red Cross Sunday. Every preacher in the United States will be asked to preach a Red Cross sermon on that day.

In co-operation with the district campaign, of which E. Sydney Stephens is manager, the Boone County organization has set aside next Monday, December 17, as volunteer day. On that day citizens from all over Boone County will be asked to join the Red Cross. This plan was originated by Mr. Stephens following the plan adopted by the Government in registering young men eligible for draft last June.

The membership fee is \$1 and no one will be asked for more. Heads of families, who can afford it, will be solicited to take membership for each member of the family.

After the volunteer movement of Monday the membership will be checked up and the rest of the week will be devoted to a canvassing campaign.

JERUSALEM CAPTURED

A. Bonar Law Makes Announcement in House of Commons.

By Associated Press
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the House of Commons today that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, has surrendered.

Divorce Suit Filed Against Minister.

Mrs. Virginia Nevins filed suit for divorce against the Rev. James T. Nevins with the Circuit Clerk Saturday charging non-support and general indignities. The couple were married in January, 1898.

F. A. Sampson Is Much Better

The condition of F. A. Sampson, who is ill with pneumonia in Parker Memorial Hospital, is steadily improving. It is thought that he will be able to leave hospital in a few days.

A COUNTER-REVOLT IS FACED IN RUSSIA

Bolsheviks Announce Revolution in Southeastern Part of Republic.

REVOLT IN PORTUGAL

Constitutional Democrats Make Effort to Cut Off Food Supply.

By Associated Press
Civil war has broken out in Russia, and the Bolshevik regime apparently will be put to the test. The Petrograd government has issued a proclamation announcing that Generals Kaledines, Korniloff and Dutoff have begun a revolution in southeastern European Russia.

The Bolsheviks announce that the Constitutional Democrats are resisting the Don Cossacks and their field military leaders and are aiming to cut off food supplies coming in by way of the Black Sea route. The Bolshevik troops have been ordered to take the field against the counter-revolutionists.

General Kaledines is said to be collecting his forces, and it is believed his objective is Moscow. General Dutoff is leading the revolutionists in the direction of Orenburg and is endeavoring to cut the railway line between that place and Tcheliabinsk. Two towns in the Caucasus are occupied by forces under General Korniloff.

In Orenburg the Bolshevik leaders have been arrested and the soldiers under them disarmed. In the new Ukrainian republic the middle class is reported to be assisting General Kaledines in opposition to the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council. It was not expected in European capitals that a strong effort would be made to oust the Bolsheviks from power.

For some time General Korniloff has been gathering his forces in the Don region, where he has been joined by former army officers and leaders of the old provisional government. He is reported to hold most of Russia's coal reserve and practically to control the Don region and the territory between the Black and Caspian seas.

Uprisings in Portugal are reported as accompanying the formation of a new cabinet. The fighting was confined to Lisbon and the vicinity immediately surrounding the city.

3 Month's Armistice Agreed Upon.

By Associated Press
JASSEY, Rumania, Dec. 10.—It is understood that an armistice for three months between the German and Russian forces, taking in also the Russian-Rumanian fronts, has been agreed upon.

All the conditions proposed by the Rumanians were accepted by the Germans with the exception of the one prohibiting the transfer of troops to other fronts. In regard to this, negotiations are still going on with Field Marshal von Mackensen at Bucharest. The Russo-German committee, which is conducting the negotiations, was received cordially and denied by the Germans.

COLUMBIA COUPLES MARRY.

Ruby Martin Marries Berryman Allen; Ella Perkins Weds Ross Watson.

Miss Ruby Martin and Berryman Allen of Columbia were married at 3 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. A. W. Pasley at the parsonage. Miss Martin is the daughter of W. M. Martin, 816 Range Line street, and was bookkeeper at the McHarg grocery store for considerable time. For the last year she has been employed at the Smith and Digges dental parlors. Mr. and Mrs. Allen left this afternoon for a short visit to Jefferson City and will return to Columbia the latter part of the week to make their home here.

Miss Ella Perkins was married to Ross Watson Saturday night by the Rev. A. W. Pasley at his home, 501 Lyon street. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. R. F. Watson of Range Line street. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins of Hollis street. The couple will live in Columbia.

RECRUITING OFFICE ON CAMPUS

Corporal W. T. Kelling Will be in Academic Hall.

Corporal W. T. Kelling of the U. S. Army recruiting service, is here from St. Louis to open a recruiting office in Room 26, Academic Hall. The office will be open from 9 o'clock until 5 o'clock. After 5 o'clock Corporal Kelling will be at the Athens Hotel. One may join any branch of the service at this office.

D. A. R. Will Meet Tomorrow.

The regular business meeting of the D. A. R. will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Red Cross workroom. A full attendance of the board is desired.

Will Live in Panama.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Pirkey and family are visiting relatives here before going to Panama, where they will live. The Reverend Pirkey was formerly a student in the University.